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FM AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

TO 13 TH AF JSARC CLARK AB RP

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

COMCOGARD PHILSEC MANILA RP

INFO HARBOUR MASTER DIL/ TIMOR STATE

SECSTATE WASHDC 6891

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY LISBON

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SUBJECT: OVERDUE M/ S ARBIRU/ XX/ IA

REFS: A. COMCOGARD PHILSEC MANILA MSG 110745 Z MAY 73 (NOTAL)

B. BANGKOK 7491 (NOTAL)

C. BANGKOK 7492 (NOTAL)

D. COMCOGARD MSG 121830 Z MAY 73 (NOTAL)

1. BACKGROUND. ON 11 MAY HARBOUR MASTER IN DILI PORTUGUESE TIMOR REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE THROUGH PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR TO MANILA FOR HELP IN LOCATING A 500- TON PORTUGUESE SHIP LAST HEARD FROM NIGHT 29-30 APRIL WHILE ENROUTE TO BANGKOK, THAILAND FROM PORTUGUESE TIMOR. PORTUGUESE AMB APPARENTLY REQUESTED HELP FROM AMEMBASSY MANILA WHICH CONTACTED COMCOGARD. COMCOGUARD PASSED INFO THE AMEMBASSY JAKARTA AND OTHERS. SHIP WAS TO HAVE ARRIVED BANGKOK ON 7 MAY. SHIP CARRIED CREW OF 22 PLUS 4 LADY PASSENGERS (POSSIBLY ONE VIP).

2. IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCE MESSAGES AND MAY 13 REQUEST FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSISTANCE TO CHARGE FROM PORTUGUESE CONSUL GENERAL DR. MANUAL LOPES DA COSTA, DEFENSE ATTACHE ON MAY 14 (A) PASSED TO INDONESIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY (HANKAM) KNOWN DETAILS CONCERNING MISSING PORTUGUESE SHIP, ARBIRU AND (B) ARRANGED FOR PORTUGUESE CONGEN TO MEET WITH CHIEF OF GOI SEA- AIR RESCUE UNIT, AIR MARSHAL DONO INDARTO.

3. HANKAM OFFICIALS HAVE ALERTED APPROPRIATE TERRITORIAL COMMANDS TO BE ON THE ALERT FOR AND REPORT INFORMATION ON MISSING SHIP. HANKAM HAS ALSO ADVISED (THROUGH US) AND THE PORTUGUESE CONGEN THAT AUSTRALIANS HAVE JUST BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO HELP CONDUCT SEARCH IN INDONESIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS FOR SHIP.

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